IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Goro KATSUYAMA, et al. GAU: Not Assigned Not Assigned **EXAMINER:** SERIAL NO: New Application FILED: Herewith FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR	₹:		
	Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/102,967, filed 3/22/02, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.		
	Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C		
	§119(e):	Application No.	Date Filed
	Applicants claim any right to priori	ty from any earlier filed application	s to which they may be entitled pursuant to

the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/102,967 filed 3/22/02 ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. \square (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith □ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

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